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SUBJ: UNDP 17TH GC--COUNTRY PROGRAM REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR

EUROPE, MEDITERRANEAN, MIDDLE EAST

1. SUMMARY. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JANUARY 16 APPROVED COUNTRY

PROGRAMS FOR ALGERIA, GREECE, ICELAND, IRAQ, LIBYAN ARAB

REPUBLIC, MALTA, SAUDI ARABIA, SPAIN AND YEMEN.

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR MAKIEDO STRESSED

YEMEN IN "LEAST DEVELOPED" CATEGORY, SAID OTHERS ALSO STILL

NEEDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EVEN THOUGH MANY AT UPPER END

PER PAPITA GNP SCALE. EIGHTEEN DELEGATIONS INTERVENED IN

DISCUSSION CP'S. KEY ISSUES INCLUDED INITIATIVES TO MOVE

HIGHER GNP COUNTRIES TO "NET CONTRIBUTOR" STATUS, AND OTHER

MEASURES TO INSURE MOST EQUITABLE USE LIMITED UNDP RESOURCES.

ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON REPORTED SOME FAVORABLE RESPONSES TO

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HIS INITIATIVES THIS DIRECTION. END SUMMARY

- 2. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR EUROPE, MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST MAKIEDO MADE BRIEF INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS ON NINE CP'S BEING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL HIS REGION. REPORTED SPECIAL MEASURES ON BEHALF OF YEMEN IN "LEAST DEVELOPED" CATEGORY, AND PROGRESS IN INCREASING NUMBER RES REPS OFFICES IN REGION. PROGRAMMING EXERCISE ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT IN MANY COUNTRIES DUE TO LARGE ON-GOING PROJECT COMMITMENTS AND NEED EVALUATE AND PHASE OUT MARGINAL PROJECTS. REGRETTED THAT IN LIBYAN CP, DESPITE EVALUATION AND PHASEOUT OF SOME MARGINAL PROJECTS. STILL NOT NEW PROJECTS DUE TO OVER-COMMITMENT OF IPF BEFORE PROGRAMMING EXERCISE BEGAN. POINTED OUT THAT WHILE MANY OF THE NINE COUNTRIES NOT LACKING FINANCIAL RESOURCES, WERE STILL IN NEED OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. CITED COST SHARING ARRANGEMENTS AGREED UPON IN ALGERIA AND IRAQ. STRESSED THAT PRIORITIES OF CP'S FULLY CONSISTENT WITH OBJECTIVES SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE.
- 3. COUNTRY INTERVENTIONS--EIGHTEEN DELEGATIONS INTERVENED IN DISCUSSING CP'S. KEY ISSUES INCLUDED DONOR COORDINATION, EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF "LEAST DEVELOPED", AND INITIATIVES TO ENCOURAGE COUNTRIES AT UPPER END PER CAPITA GNP SCALE TO BECOME NET CONTRIBUTORS. FRANCE, FRG, USSR AND OTHERS COMMENDED JUDICIOUS USE ALGERIAN IPF FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN KEY AREAS. LEVEL OF IRAQ COST SHARING ALSO COMMENDED. U.S. DELEGATION (VAN DYKE) NOTED INCREASED SECTORAL CONCENTRATION IN CP'S AS WELL AS EMPHASIS ON TRAINING AND MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNITION GIVEN TO SECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY AND PLANNING. CALLED FOR GREATER CONSOLIDATION FO SMALL-SCALE PROJECTS ANDMORE RIGOROUS EVALUATION ANDPHASE-OUT OF MARGINAL ACTIVITIES. HOPED THAT TO INSURE OPTIMUM USE LIMITED UNDP RESOURCES, SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT UPPER END PER CAPITA GNP SCALE MAY BE PREPARED VOLUNTARILY TO FOREGO FUTURE UNDP FINANCING IN FAVOR OF LESS FORTUNATE COUNTRIES, OR AS A MINIMUM RESPOND FAVORABLY TO INITIATIVE UNDERTAKEN BY UNDP ADMINISTRATOR AND MOVE RAPIDLY TO BECOME NET CONTRIBUTORS. ALSO URGED THAT ADMINISTRATOR VIGOROUSLY PURSUE EFFORTS TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ENJOYING RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH. FRG, ITALY, INDIA AGREED WITH IMPORTANCE OF EXPEDITING NET CONTRIBUTOR STATUS FOR THOSE COUNTRIES AT UPPER END PER CAPITA GNP SCALE. INDIA ALSO ADDED THAT THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRIES SHOULD ADVANCE FURTHER STAGE TO BECOMMING RECIPIENTS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON COMPLETELY REIMBURSABLE BASIS. MAKIEDO THANKED DELEGATIONS FOR THEIR COMMENTS. SAID EXPECIALLY GRATIFIED BY SUPPORT GIVE TO CP OF YEMEN AS "LEAST DEVELOPED" COUNTRY. RE MATTER OF COUNTRIES AT UPPER END OF PER CAPITA GNP SCALE BECOMING NET CONTRIBUTORS. MAKIEDO SAID ADMINISTRATOR ACTIVELY APPROACHING GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES IN THIS CATEGORY ON THIS MATTER. IN MEANTIME, ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS

COST SHARING BEING EXPANDED.

4. SWISS CALLED FOR REPORT ON PROGRESS OF ADMINISTRATOR'S INITIATIVES TO ENCOURAGE HIGH PER CAPITA GNP COUNTRIES
TO BECOME NET CONTRIBUTORS NOT LATER THAN END OF SECOND PROGRAMMING CYCLE. ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON REPLIED HE HAD SENT LETTERS TO TWENTY-NINE COUNTRIES IN THIS CATEGORY (THOSE OVER \$500 PER CAPITAL GNP). TWENTY REPLIES RECEIVED. OF THESE SEVEN FAVORABLE, NINE NONCOMMITTAL, REST HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS. HE REGARDED INITIAL RESPONSE AS ENCOURAGING AND HOPED OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FAVORABLE RESPONSES DURING NEXT YEAR.

5. U.S. MISSION FIELD COMMENTS CP'S ESPECIALLY USEFUL. IT IS HOPED THATU.S. MISSION WILL ENCOURAGE UNDP AND RECIPIENT

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